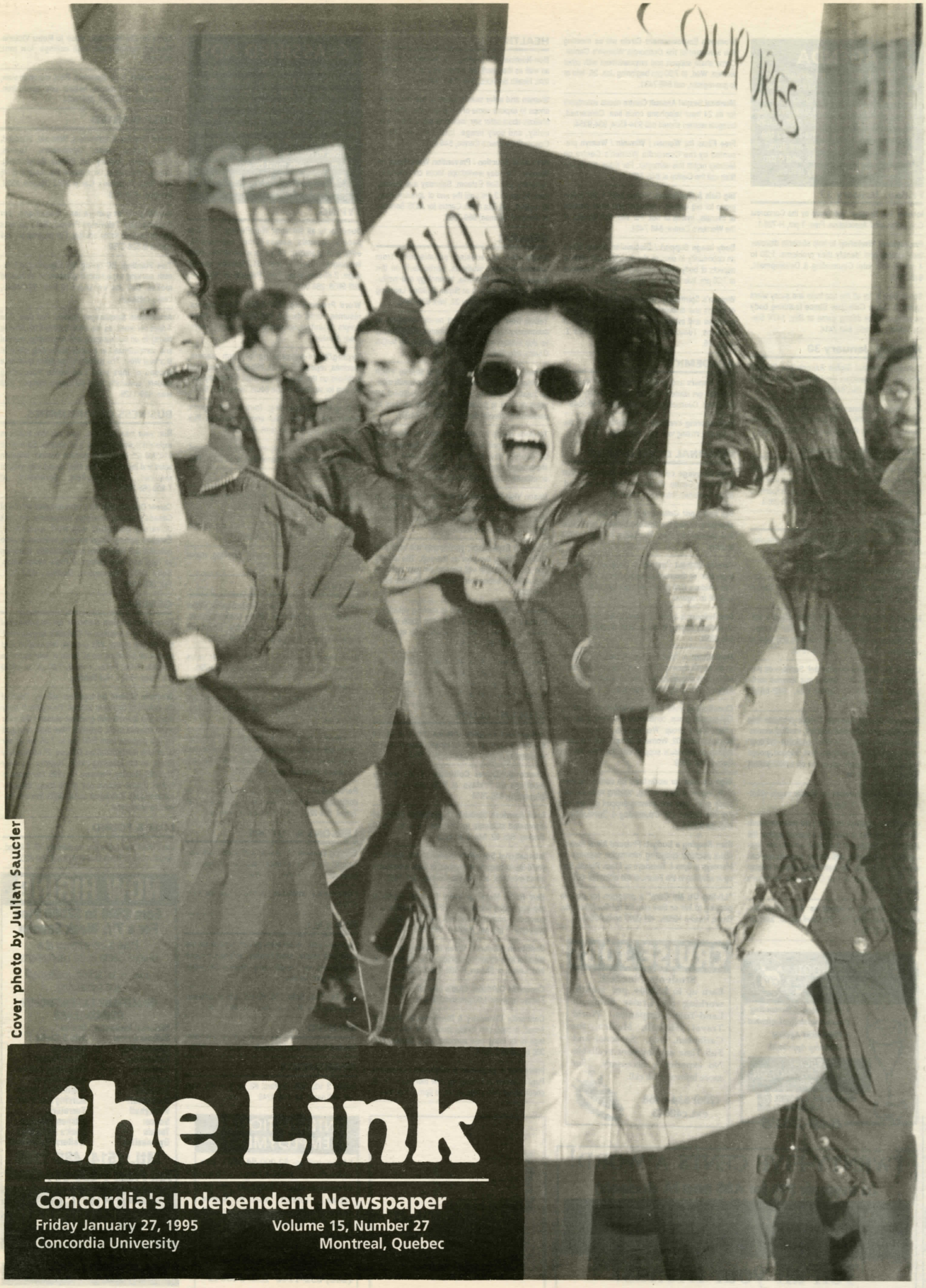

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AGENDA

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Friday, January 27

Income Tax Seminar sponsored by the Concordia Co-op Students' Association. Free. 1 pm, H-726-1.

Employment Workshop to help students discover their talents and identify their problems. 1:30 to 4 pm, H-440. Info: Counselling & Development, 848-7345.

Sassy Ripe II, for all the ripe fruits and sassy silent types. A Queer Collective Dance featuring body painting and the dating game at Sky, 1474 Ste-Catherine East. Info: 848-7414.

Monday, January 30

Concordia Animal Rights Association General Meeting. New members weldome. 3:30 pm, 2020 Mackay, Rm 206. Info: 848-3547/ 4615

Free Films for Women/wimmin/womyn presented by the Concordia Women's Centre. 6 pm: Personal Services; 8:30: My Brilliant Career. 2020 Mackay.

Wednesday, February 1

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard general information meeting featuring free vegetable stew and discussion of upcoming activities for all participants. 5 pm, 2090 Mackay. Info: Peer Helpers, 848-2859.

WOMEN

SOS Violence conjugale. 24 hour crisis intervention and shelter referral. 873-9010.

Mouvement contre le viol: 842-5040.

24 Hour Hotline & Crisis Line, Montreal Sexual Assault Centre, 934-4504.

Montréal Assualt Prevention Centre offers a self-defence course called ACTION for women. Techniques to help women deal with any type of aggression. To register call: 284-1212.

Centre des femmes de Montréal: Services de première ligne, 842-4780; Service aux femmes immigrantes, 842-0814; Option'Elle, 842-6652; Formation'Elle, 842-4776.

Montreal Sexual Assault Centre provides free counselling and emotional support, medical assessment and treatment, information on police and court procedures, court accompaniment, support groups for survivors and public education on sexual assault issues. Info: 934-4504.

Centre for AIDS Services for Women needs volunteers. Info: 954-0170, Basia.

Committee Against Human Life International: Women interested in planning a protest against the Montreal conference of this racist, anti-Muslim, anti-semitic, homophobic, anti-choice organization can leave messages for the committee against Human Life International at the Concordia Women's Centre, 848-7431.

Minority Women in Academe: information sessions conducted by Dr. Shahrzad Mojab. Info: Dr. Mojab, 848-2270.

Women's Empowerment Circle will be meeting this semester at the Concordia Women's Centre. Come share support and empowerment with other women. Wed. at 7;00 pm beginning Jan. 26. Info or to pre-register, call 848-7431.

Montreal Sexual Assault Centre needs volunteers for its 24 hour telephone crisis line. Concerned, bilingual women should call 934-4504, 934-9354.

Free Films for Women / Wimmin / Womyn presented by the Concordia Women's Centre on Monday nights this semester. For dates, times and titles call the Centre at 848-7431.

Big Gals & Goddesses, wanna talk? A discussion group for big women - Whether you wear dresses or overalls, nylons or not. For info, call Anuska at the Women's Centre: 848-7431.

Body Image Support / Discussion Group offers an opportunity to discuss the personal and political aspects of body image and self-esteem. Tuesdays at 7:30 pm. Info: Susan or Myrna, 848-7431.

Women's Spirituality: Irrepresible Spirit A series of videos and discussions exploring women's perspectives and experiences within various religious traditions. Tuesdays from 4:15 - 6pm, Annex Z, room 105.

ACADEMIC

Term Papers and written assignments? We can help you get started, organize ideas, identify problem areas. Counselling & Development: 848-3545.

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Sign-language courses at the Montreal Deaf Community Centre. Placement tests are required. 65 de Castelnau. Info: TTY: 279-8535.

Sex and Sprit Collective a social justice group attempting to heal the divisions between our sexual and spiritual identities. Thursdays 4 - 6 pm, 2090 Mackay.

Parents Without Custody is a support group for separated or divorced parents without custody of their children. Call Nancy Montgomery at 937-5351 local 48 to register.

Peer Helpers is a free, confidential listening service of students helping students. 2090 Mackay St. Info: 848-2859.

Meditation: A Tool For Self-Knowledge. These sessions will draw upon various traditions and each will include a "quiet sitting". Wednesdays 12 - 1 pm, Annex Z. Info: Daryl Ross, 848-3585.

Questioning your sexual orientation? Coming Out support group, confidential and friendly atmosphere. Men's Group: Wednesdays, 7:30 pm, 2090 Mackay, Room 02. Women's Group: TBA. For information or individual support call the Peer Helper Centre, 848-2859.

Sign up now for workshops on communication skills, career & life planning, building relationships, study skills, loss and grieving support groups etc. For information, call Counselling & Development, 848-3545/3555.

Start Keeping a Budget: Financial Aid & Awards offers personal budgeting information sessions on Mondays at 3pm & Tuesdays at 11am. Please sign up in advance in the Financial Aid office LB -085.

"Living On My Own" a program for people planning to live on their own for the first time. Info: Bruce, Head & Hands: 481-0277 or 481-3643.

HEALTH

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Women and safer sex: A series of two-hour workshops to explore some of the issues that affect our choices about safer sex, including self-esteem, sexuality, and body image. Info: Leah or Diana, Concordia Women's Centre, 848-7431.

HIV / AIDS Eduction / Prevention Workshops for Women: Two-day workshops focus on HIV/AIDS, Sexuality and Self Esteem. Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 3 pm until the end of January. Free. to register, call Rita at the Centre for AIDS Services of Montreal (Women) 989-7997.

GENERAL

Mediatribe is seeking submissions from Communications students, particularly on the theme of access to media, technology and institutions. Drop off papers at Bryan Building Learning Centre. Deadline: January 27. Info: 633-9956.

Yellow Door Elderly Project needs volunteers to accompany seniors to appointments. Also looking for dog walkers who can assist seniors in the McGill Ghetto. Info: 398-6243.

Compeer Montreal, a community service which provides friendship and support to people with mental health problems, is recruiting volunteers 18 years or older to provide re-integration services to persons with mental illnesses. Info: 489-1007.

Tel-Aide needs volunteers to staff its telephone crisis line for people in distress. The line operates 24 hours a day, lending a sympathetic ear to Montrealers who are lonely, abused, out of work, emotionally scarred or suicidal. Info: 935-1105.

Prison Visit Program: An eight-week program , in which students visit inmates at Archambault Prison. Volunteers must meet with a chaplain ahead of time. Info: Peter Coté, 848-3586.

Outreach Experience: participants will work with children, teens, the poor or the sick. The activity and amount of time will depend on your interests and abilities. Information: Michelina Bertone SSA, 848-3591.

Meals On Wheels Program is seeking volunteers to assist in preparing and delivering home cooked meals for seniors living independently at home. Info: Rona 937-9471 (155)

Care to listen to those who need to talk? Shalom line will be accepting new volunteers into their winter training program which starts in February Call Suzanne Herscovitch at 735-3541, ext. 3380.

STUDENT CLUBS

Indigenous Peoples International, a native solidarity group on campus meets every Wednesday, 7 pm, P-203. Info: 848-7443.

Concordia Queer Collective holds weekly meetings on Fridays at 5:30 pm in P-102. Information: 848-7414

Latin American Students Organization invites all interested students to visit their offices. 2010 Mackay, Rm. 02. Info: 848-3532.

International Socialists Students' Association If you'd like to become a member, or want information about meetings, actions, etc. Contact: 521-1983.

Ham Radio Meetings every Tuesday. Personal two-way radio, television, UHF/VHF, satellite and computer communications by ham radio. All Welcome. 7 to 9 pm, H-644-1. Info: 848-7474.

Caribbean Students' Union is looking for volunteers for their upcoming fashion show. All welcome. Info: Lavern or Sharon, H-508-1; 848-3527.

Concordia Outdoors Club's new office hours are Fridays between 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm.

Concordia Chemistry & Biochemistry Students Assoc. is back and invites students to take advantage of its many new services. 2020 Mackay,Rm. 306 or call 848-7417.

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GENERAL

Free Immigration Seminar for International Students by a member of Canada's largest immigration law group. Will provide information and answer all questions on all areas of immigration to Canada. Time: Friday, Feb. 3, 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Place: H-621, Hall Building.

Graduate Student get-togethers with the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies. Dean Martin Kusy would like to meet with graduate students this year on an informal basis. Sessions have been arranged for this purpose from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at our Graduate Administration Offices, 2145 Mackay Street, on the following dates: Tuesday, January 31, 1995; Monday, February 13, 1995. Our space is limited. Please reserve one of the above dates by contacting Ms. Kali Sakell at 848-3803. We look forward to seeing you.

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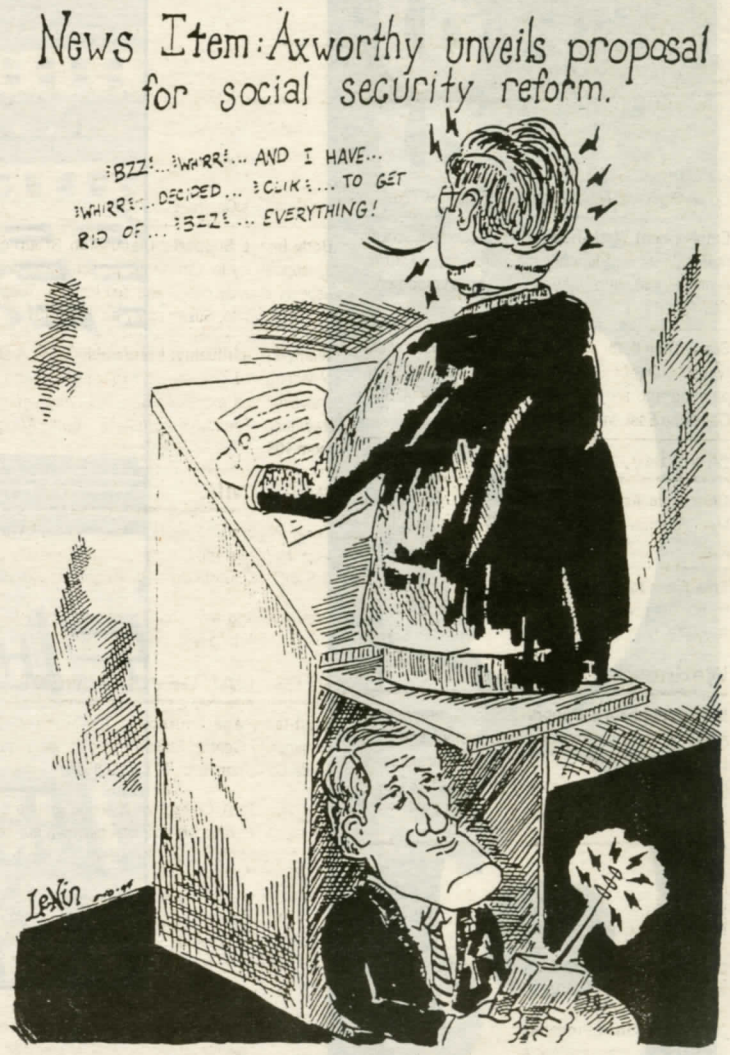
Concordia prof says Liberal reforms spell trouble


News Item: Axworthy unveils proposal for social security reform.
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LEXIN

by Danny Chan

Canada is only one percent away from the debt situation it experienced during the depression. In 1934, 75 per cent of the country's gross domestic product (GDP) was the net debt.

Today, the net debt/GDP ratio is 74 per cent, second in the industrialized world only to Italy's 113 per cent. Total federal and provincial debts reach $750 billion.

The debt's current tailspin will spell trouble for new generations, according to Dr. Harold Chorney.

"With debts that can never be repaid, a whole generation will have large debts. Their purchasing power will be reduced," said Chorney, an associate professor of political science at Concordia University. Speaking at a public forum called "Accessible Education is a Right" last Tuesday, Chorney outlined the effects of Human Resources Development Minister Lloyd Axworthy's proposed spending changes to Canada's social programs.

Chorney blamed the emerging neo-conservative ideology—where less government is better—as a force behind cutbacks. He referred to Alberta Premier Ralph Klein, who drove the slash-the-deficit revolution in that province, and U.S. Congressional leader Newt Gingrich, who has vowed to trim the government, as current neo-conservatives.

"It's tragic that a Liberal government has embraced this idea," Chorney said. This ideology will perpetuate an 'elitist society' where the rich have a better chance at post-secondary education, according to Chorney.

Axworthy's cutbacks, said Chorney, will also increase the drop-out rate among the country's students and this will be detrimental to the country in the long run.

"This is a large change in the way university is being funded." said Chorney. "If people drop out, it makes Canada less competitive."

Chorney said Axworthy's proposed spending amendments will create a gulf between the classes and that it is outrageous to be in debt during an entire working career.

"I under that system (the Green Book), would never have gotten a university degree," said Chorney.

Another factor in social program funding are spiraling interest rates. In 1994, bank rates skyrocketed from 3.87 per cent to eight per cent by the end of the year, and variables such as rising U.S. interest rates and fear of a Quebec separation might further increase interest rates.

Chorney said he and several economists are in favour of lowering interest rates to stimulate the economy. He said unemployment will go down and expenditures will improve as a result.

Student needs put on backburner

Bad press, rector's departure stall fundraising efforts

by Paul Hainsworth

Negative publicity and the sudden resignation last summer of former rector Patrick Kenniff has prompted Concordia to postpone a massive fundraising project for the next two years.

The $75 million project was laid out in a needs list established by the university. It was to raise funds for much needed classroom space, library holdings, building improvements, scholarships and bursaries, labs, computers, athletic and recreational facilities, among other needs targeted by the faculties.

In the wake of bad press created by inquests into the Fabrikant affair, Concordia was forced to delay its quest for money from the private sector.

"If you have a public disagreement and an abrupt change in leadership, people wonder why and there may be recriminations involved," said Christopher Hyde, director of Advancement, Concordia's fundraising department.

A feasibility study released last summer by consulting firm Ketchum Canada Inc. surveyed 74 potential donors to determine whether the start of the campaign would be successful.

But the study occurred in the wake of a media barrage surrounding the release of two reports investigating improprieties within Concordia's engineering department and condemning the administration's dealings with Valerie Fabrikant. It therefore recommended that the university not proceed with its plans to raise money.

"Unfortunately, it (the feasibility study) had to straddle the change of rector and the publishing of the reports in May. You couldn't open the paper in the morning without finding the latest bad news going on at Concordia," said Hyde.

He added that among potential big ticket donors interviewed, the feeling was, "You guys have had some bad publicity. Maybe wait a while for this to blow over."

Hyde said that the loss of the rector was the major factor in deciding to hold off on the project.

"The campaign chief and salesman is the rector," explained Hyde. Donors basically say, "I want to look him in the eye before I sign a cheque for two million dollars," said Hyde. "It's a fair request."

The administration is currently searching for a new rector, to take over this September for interim-rector Charles Bertrand, who replaced Kenniff.

Other reasons cited in the Ketchum report were :

- a perceived lack of awareness outside the university of Concordia's accomplishments and areas of excellence
- a need to cultivate more potential donors
- the reluctance of many external respondants to become involved in the campaign as volunteers and senior campaign leaders
- competing local campaigns at McGill, UQAM and U of M
- "donor fatigue" at the local, regional,. and national levels
- political and economic uncertainty in Quebec

The project, called a Capital Campaign, is a major fundraising effort held no more than once every ten years to raise money for projects a university couldn't usually afford.

Concordia's last Capital Campaign in the 1980s raised money for the new Webster library building.

Hyde underlined the importance of Capital Campaign funding for the survival of the university.

"In a period of shrinking public funding for operations, the availability of development dollars is virtually non-existent," said Hyde.

"Universities which are unable to raise private funding will be starved of development dollars and will suffer in competition with those which are successful."

Students must wait

Now the university is waiting until autumn 1996 to begin the project, instead of its original start date of last September. As well, it has reduced its goal of $75 million to $50 million.

Students must wait an extra two years before funding comes through for projects that can't be undertaken without private donorship.

One project which will have to wait is the establishment of a $5 million endowment fund for undergraduate scholarships and bursaries and a $6 million endowment fund for graduate fellowships.

According to a study by the Offices of Financial Aid and Advancement, to be competitive with the average Ontario university, Concordia needs an endowment fund of $20 million compared with its present endowment of $1.5 million for undergraduate scholarships and bursaries.

Another key area of need is a $1 million endowment fund for the libraries at Concordia. The interest from the fund would be used to combat the rising costs of academic journals.

Journals, or scholarly magazines, are one of the most important resources for students, according to Roy Bonin, director of libraries at Concordia.

"They're important because they offer the most current information you can find," he said.

Concordia's library placed last in the comprehensive category of the 1993 to 1994 issue of MacLean's university survey.

One of the biggest slices of money - $7 million - would go towards improving recreation and athletic facilities at the university. Two of the major additions would be a swimming pool complex and a double gym at the Loyola campus.

"Nothing can be built until the campaign starts," said Harry Zarins, Concordia's director of athletics. "Every year you wait, materials get a little more expensive," he added.

Zarins pointed out that Trois Rivières, UQAM and McGill have all recently added new sports facilities. "Our demand for intramural activities is so overwhelming that we just don't have the space."

He underlined the importance of presenting decent sports facilities to prospective students.

"People are going to start passing us up because of our facilities.

It certainly has some bearing on whether they come or not to Concordia."

The faculty of Commerce and Administration needs up to date teaching and research facilities which include caserooms and computer labs.

The faculty of Engineering and Computer Science identified a need for more space, computers and a $3 million research project.

15000 Take to the streets

photo by Julian Saucier

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Mainstream media undermines nationwide strike

by Jennifer Ditchburn and Carol McQueen

Canada's mainstream news media used its might to discredit and silence the student movement this week. After over 60,000 marched in city streets across Canada to protest the Axworthy reforms, our national journalists still wanted Canadians to believe the day was a failure.

But for those of us in the streets of Montreal on Wednesday, there was no doubt how successful the day was. We stopped traffic for hours, gathering up to 15,000 students from 15 CEGEPs, 4 universities, as well as supporters from unions and community groups. Despite the cold, one of the largest student protests in

Number of students protesting in major Canadian Cities:

St. John's - 5,000
Halifax - 1,500

Students march in solidarity

by Shira Katz

Who says activism died in the '60s. By 1:00 pm, close to 2,000 students from Concordia, Dawson and Vanier gathered inside the Hall

Montreal's history took to the streets for over three hours, showing their commitment to affordable education and sending a clear message to Human Resources Minister Lloyd Axworthy.

National and local media and press downplayed the strike, relegating the future of Canada's education system to the backpages or dismissing the entire demonstration as a failure.

•*The Montreal Gazette* featured a cat and O.J. Simpson on its front page, favoring the 'fluff' to students exercising their democratic rights. The only mention of the protest on the front page was to denounce it as a nuisance to the free flow of traffic. The story, on page 3, contains a few interviews with McGill students, although students from all across the city marched in solidarity.

•*La Presse*'s coverage was even more lamentable. It put a quaint let's-not-disturb-the powers-that-be picture of a skier petting a MUC police horse. The demonstration was relegated to page B6.

•*The Ottawa Citizen* editorialized its small story on page 4 with the negative headline "Student strike fails to make the grade," and the Toronto Star gave it a two centimetre by two centimetre brief on the cover, choosing instead to feature the long lottery line-ups.

•*The Globe and Mail* didn't think the protest of 10 to 15,000 in Toronto merited anymore than a cover picture with the contradictory cutline claiming the national strike "never materialized." This dismissal comes in the wake of the editorial on the day of the strike, which doomed it to disaster even before it took place.

•The CBC chose not to feature Montreal's demonstration in its story on *Newsworld* or *Prime Time News*, even though, according to estimates gathered from across the country, it had the biggest turnout, even topping Toronto.

To frost the cake, Norm Perry, CBC Newsworld's evening anchor, was brutally condescending and beligerent as he interviewed Canadian Federation of Students president Guy Caron. Caron deserves an award for

standing up to Perry's open smirks and attempts to undermine his credibility.

•CTV decided the O.J. Simpson trial was more important than a 60,000 strong Canada-wide protest, slotting the American footage at the beginning of the program.

And mainstream media could use a lesson in counting. In their reports on how the strike "fizzled," they claimed only 800 students showed up on Parliament Hill. According to RCMP reports, up to 2,000 marched in Ottawa. And in Toronto, television cameras showed a gathering of 1,500 in U of T's Confederation Hall, despite the fact up to 13,000 were taking to the streets outside.

Fredricton - 100
Montreal - 15,000
Toronto - 13,000
Ottawa - 2,000
Hamilton - 1,500
Winnipeg - 3,500
Edmonton - 300
Regina - 700
Victoria - 5,000
Vancouver - 2,000
Windsor - 3,000
North Bay - 6,000

photo by Justin Rochefort

The most revealing numbers were in smaller centres like St. John's, Newfoundland, where 5,000 students protested, and at the University of Regina, where only ten per cent of the student population went to classes.

It seems that students can do no good in the eyes of the press. One day we're lazy slackers with no interest in government or politics, the next we're whiny, spoiled brats who should be in class instead of marching for our right to affordable education.

The media doesn't want anyone to forget that a couple of students egged poor Lloyd Axworthy last November on Parliament Hill. How immature, they snuff. Yet there are scant reports about the number of discussion groups, letter-writing campaigns and aggressive lobbying activities that students are also involved in.

We have to wonder why the media collectively passed the day off as inconsequential. Why so much support for the Axworthy reforms and the Liberal government? It seems it's far easier to dump Canada's fiscal problems on the backs of the poor and struggling than to open a real discussion on wealth distribution.

Or perhaps it's just that Canadian democracy has become a superficial process, no longer that flexible structure in which dialogue can take place. The media seeks to avoid government criticism, dismissing grass roots action in the same way our leaders do.

Wednesday was an important one in Canadian history. For once, a group of Canadians said they weren't going to roll over and play dead, which is more than we can say for the 'grown-ups' who run the country's media outlets. Yes, it's a scary day indeed when exercising your democratic right to protest is criticized by the government's supposed watchdogs.

photo by Julian Saucier

photo by Oliver Lakoff

Horns honked as students from Concordia, Dawson and Vanier schools took to the streets to protest Human Resources Minister Lloyd Axworthy's social reform plan which would cut transfer education payments to the provinces and replace them with Income Contingent Repayment Loans, which has already made education less accessible under a similar system in countries such as Australia and Sweden.

"Some people are saying tuition will double. If it goes up to $10 000 I definitely won't go to school," said Concordia Art Education student Christie Mitchell.

"It's going to turn like the U.S. I'm sure. We'll have to go on welfare. It's really high right now, it shouldn't be higher," added Art Education Concordia student Claudie Tremblay.

Language knew no barriers as students from UQAM joined the crowd from the opposite direction of the English contingent at Complexe Guy Favreau. Four busloads of students from outlying areas of Quebec also joined the crowd of thousands.

"Na na na na Axworthy Goodbye," both French and English students sang in unison, parodying the familiar hockey tune. By 2:30 pm, the crowd, taking up five full blocks, sang "So, so, solidarité" in unison as they took over Montreal's downtown core for a 5 km walk.

Shop owners waved at students, others watched with amazement. English posters such as "I won't pay the Royal Bank $1,000,000,000 tax free profit" and "Lloyd creates the 51st state of America" were mixed with French posters such as "Axworthy cesse ta propagande extrémiste."

French chants such as "Axworthy, pourri" and "Si tu aimes pas Axworthy frappe les pieds" were mixed with English chants such as "Together we stand, together we fight, education is a right."

People cheered as protestors stripped down posters advertising the candidacy of Liberal MP Lucienne Robillard in a riding by-election. Cameras flashed as the crowd made it all the way to St-Denis, then down to Berri Square.

"Countries where this is not happening, such as Scandinavia, are countries which function well because many can go to school there. If we have less students going to school, it will become an ignorant country with more working class than people going to school," said student Dan Ouellet from UQAM.

"The reform is total exploitation, it's shit. It's only 2 per cent of the budget in social programs that they're cutting," said student François Hurtubise, from CEGEP André Laurendeau.

With the crowd congregated next to UQAM in Berri Square at the end of the protest, protestors began warming-up with bonfires fueled by picket-signs. Speakers from the Strike Committee and the Canadian Labour Congress ended the march.

"It's fantastic that so many showed up. It shows that the student movement is growing and opposition to the Axworthy reforms is gaining momentum," said student John Ihnat on the Strike Committee of McGill.

Marie-Claude Ricard, a worker from The Association of Students at CEGEP St. Laurent said that the "Coalition X," the association who organized the protest with 14 Cegeps and 4 universities that are members in Montreal, will be meeting on Monday to discuss their next strategy against the Axworthy reforms.

"They won't stop until the Axworthy reform is stopped," she added.

Mule kicks labelers in the ass

by Jonathan Richler

If there could ever be such a geographical phenomenon like a bayou in Detroit, Michigan, that's where **Mule** would record. This isn't to say they sound or smell like a peat bog. Far from it. At one point, I might've compared Mule's rhythmic, dirty sound to Laughing Hyenas, or perhaps the Ian MacKaye Country Band (Tune to this station for further info!!!). Not any more.

photo manipulation by Mitch Amihod

One phone conversation with bassist **Kevin Munro** steered me away from *ever* making a comparison again. His straight-up, razor's edge attitude had me checking my boots to see if there was a piss drip stain on 'em. Uncomfortable was the mandatory mood on my end.

"We've been called cowpunk. Just another label. I don't know any cows. We make American music, and that's all it is. Even that's a wrong label."

Since the 1992 opener for Urge Overkill, Mule has gotten lots of attention, and quickly rose to the top of the sonic compost heap. An 18 month tour shortly thereafter, the not-even-three-year-old band had headlined many shows without even having a wee 7" under their hip-waders. Since then, they've played with the likes of L7, Cop Shoot Cop, even Pearl Jam. What comes with popularity, is the compelling force of the journalist to peg the band's sound through references. Munro feels much...angst towards that.

"The media always thinks it should pigeonhole a band with others, so people can draw similarities, and relate to it," he stated.

"They've compared us to Captain Beefheart. We don't listen to him, but I don't mind. Good music stands on its own, we work hard trying to be good."

Comparisons are a good tool to draw in uneasy people with fat wallets, but is also a good way for a writer to bullshit through a review without saying anything about the band in question.

"We're not oblivious to labeling, but we isolate it in a certain way, and come up with music that we think is sincere."

One form of communication Munro attacks as insincere is radio. For him, the formats are weak, the mainstream stations' courage as peppy as day-old seltzer.

"There's no reason for radio not to play us, or other different music. It's stupid. They're dumb. They don't care to make money from new stuff. I've no interest to hear songs repeated three times an hour. I listen to it just to hear what's being played. It's good these days for Offspring and the rest, but it's no bold move on the stations behalf."

Munro's attitude towards anti-publicity and anti-media is a difficult one for an artist who desires to succeed. Mule's musical atmosphere is down-home, and strikes you on a personal level. The tunes seem to call out to the average working stiff. The latest album, *If I Don't Six*, is perfect to crack open in your player, along with a beer, after a rough day on the job. Munro disagreed.

"This is just me, it may not be the bands view, but I don't *just* play for the working stiff. I like to reach out to the folks who hold jobs just to survive, but generally kids buy the music, so I won't turn my nose on them. They're not that stupid, you can't fool everybody. I get most of my info just waiting for the bus. I read the papers only to see who's coming to town. I try not to let the media influence me."

Similarly, Munro tries not to influence his fans, and is against being a public figure.

"I'm not anybody's father. I don't wanna be someone a kid looks up to for morals. I'm not any more enlightened than a factory worker or someone behind a badge."

The badge reference brought on stories of his apathy for most authoritative figures. Munro has had "his share of problems". He sees the judging of minor offenders as a source of revenue for our governments. Then there's the cop who showed up at their Atlanta show, and hung with them afterwards.

"He was really cool, and down to earth. He told me if he and his buddies were not cops, they'd take care of the business that they felt they had to, vigilante-like. That's cool with me. Most people wouldn't do that. Most should. My father, here in Detroit, had his car stolen 10 years ago. The cops wouldn't do much, so he drove around for six hours, and found it himself. He took it back. You shouldn't be afraid of anybody," he finished, laying it all down.

I breathed easy. The stain had apparently evaporated from my boot. Mule have an honest appeal to all who need sincerity in their music. And they do it jamming out rhythmic murk-rock. That's what I label them now. It's my fuckin' label, and I'll stand by it, fearless.

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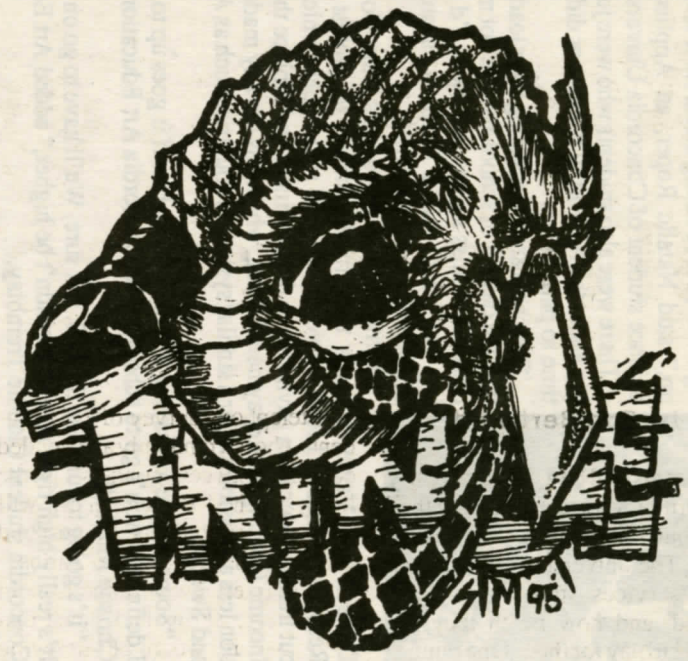

Kick in the hHead

by Daria Gamliel

On line from Toronto, **Noah Mintz**, vocalist and chief songwriter of the band **hHead**, was getting set for a small Quebec tour, which brings the band to Montreal this Friday.

Mintz is adamant about supporting other bands and keeping the Canadian musical community afloat. In light of this, the members of hHead have become friendly with locals **Slaves on Dope**, who have opened for them before and will again this week.

Mintz thinks "multi-band shows are great" and he and cohorts **Brendan Canning** and **Mark Bartkiw** have participated in several. In '93 there was the *Grunge That Stole Christmas* show in T.O.; the year before that, *Music West* in Vancouver.

However, Mintz says the latter was a bit too competitive. To make matters worse, hHead's van was broken into. Yet the guys managed to pull through, thanks to **SNFU**, who invited them to stay in their house.

More recently in T.O. hHead played a sold-out New Year's Eve gig with **Change of Heart, Treble Charger** and **Rusty**.

Several songs on hHead's current release *Jerk* tell a story from a woman's point of view. When asked where he gets his inspiration, Mintz says it's just "something from my head".

In English class at school, he learned how to comprehend female characters. But he says his songs are "still me", and it doesn't matter whose perspective a song is written from. Mintz thinks of himself as more of a story-teller and that he'll "maybe someday write from a homosexual's point of view or an inanimate object."

There are conflicting theories on how hHead got that extra lower case "h". The "current" one is that someone forgot to push the SHIFT key. When asked who originated the error, Mintz responds "some idiot".

However the name has since grown on him. But if he had to choose another name, it might be Lettuce...or Spaghetti.

So what would Mintz like to be reincarnated as?

"As me again, (because) I'm happy being miserable."

Or maybe not? "Nah...I'd be a ...palm tree...(or a) pubic hair"

Commenting on the negative emotions expressed in some of his lyrics, Mintz claims it's "easy to write about pain. I try to get away from it but it's hard. People often go through life complaining, 'Oh my God I feel so bad.' But everybody feels so bad."

Mintz thinks the worst part of the day is waking up in the morning. "If you're a guy, it hurts to go to the bathroom sometimes. The first ten minutes of the day is always shit. You think 'It can't get worse than this'."

Food references kept surfacing during our conversation, seeing as it was around lunchtime. In another frame of mind, perhaps Mintz would have liked his band to be called Pubic Hair.

The promise for Friday night's show is "A whole new culinary experience," Mintz jokes.

So come and enjoy the rock 'n' roll buffet and maybe the guys'll "fling Jolly Ranchers at your heads".

hHead with Slaves on Dope and Rise play the Foufounes Electriques, Tonight, January 27th. Tickets are 6$.

And for all you Internauts, here's hHead's E-mail address: hhead@tvo.org

A kinder, gentler athletics complex

by Rob Bertrand

Students will be asked by as early as April or May just what it is they want out of their new athletic complex. The university wants to ask what services students feel are needed, and how much they are willing to pay for them One thing is sure, however, students will have to pay part of the tab.

It will be a new, scaled down athletics complex proposal that the administration will be trying to sell the students on. The new version of the complex won't have classrooms and will have little or no new office space. The current gym will be renovated, including removing the bleachers, and it will be transformed into a new and expanded weight room. The previously proposed triple gym has been cut to a double one, and the swimming pool will be modest, six lanes wide and 25 meters long. The new complex will be designed to be easily expandable for possible future expansion. Harry Zarins, director of athletics and recreation, describes the new proposal as being "pretty basic".

A telephone survey of 1500 students, chosen randomly and divided equally between genders, is the likely method the university will use to assess students' interest and preferences, according to Zarins.

In an interview with the Link in September, Zarins had stated that the university would be surveying the students sometime last semester. Zarins said the delay became inevitable, due to political reasons. The provincial and Montreal municipal elections, in September and October respectively, along with the ongoing search for a new rector at Concordia, have delayed the process.

Since the university does not currently have a rector, a position designed to try and encourage private capital, it has made it harder to generate investment. The school's capital campaign has been temporarily postponed. "You don't have a capital campaign without a rector, he's your school's salesperson. He's the one going out there and selling the university."

Zarins did not dismiss the possibility that the survey could still be postponed until the next school year. He promised that the questions asked of the sampled students will be specific and less open to interpretation.

One of the main criticisms of last year's athletics complex referendum was that issues like the cost were either not explained or too ambiguous. The fee for the complex had been estimated at between $2.50 to $4.00 per credit.

The facilities as they now stand are outdated, according to Zarins. In order to better accommodate both intramural and varsity teams, they have to be expanded. As an example, he pointed out that the men's basketball team has to practice at 7 in the morning due to lack of available gym time.

As much as possible, the university is looking to get money from outside sources, including seeing what government money the school is entitled to, according to Zarins. "We're going to check all our resources, and see what is out there. But the students will have to pay for some of it, but how much and for how long, we're not sure."

STANDINGS

Men's Hockey

Team	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	PTS
1.UQTR	16	12	1	3	95	42	27
2.Ottawa	16	11	3	2	68	35	24
3.Concordia	**15**	**7**	**6**	**2**	**46**	**57**	**16**
4.McGill	15	6	8	1	5	60	13

Women's Volleyball

Team	GP	W	L	PF	PA	PTS
1.Laval	10	9	1	451	252	18
2.McGill	10	5	5	389	450	10
3.Sherbrooke	7	4	3	316	251	8
4.Concordia	**9**	**0**	**9**	**242**	**445**	**0**

Men's Basketball

Team	GP	W	L	PF	PA	Pts
1.Concordia	**6**	**5**	**1**	**519**	**423**	**10**
2.McGill	6	4	2	476	422	8
3.Bishop's	6	3	3	452	432	6
4.Laval	6	0	6	377	547	0

Men's Basketball Scoring leaders

Name	School	Pts	APG
1.Jean-Pierre Reimer	**Concordia**	**100**	**16.7**
2.Emerson Thomas	**Concordia**	**82**	**16.4**
3.Maxime Bouchard	**Concordia**	**97**	**16.2**
4.Gregory Southward	Bishop's	77	15.4
5.Chad Wozney	McGill	90	15.0

University athlete misled by CIAU

REGINA (CUP)—A clerical error has left a University of Regina wrestler in financial difficulty and unable to compete as a varsity athlete.

After transferring to the University of Regina from Simon Fraser University last summer, Dean Schmeichel, a member of Canada's national wrestling team, almost dropped out in mid-September when he learned he wouldn't be receiving the full student loan he expected.

He planned to transfer to the University of Saskatchewan, where he could move in with his girlfriend to save money, but he was convinced to stay in Regina by U of R Cougar wrestling coach Leo McGee.

McGee had just come across a rule in the Canadian Inter-University Athletics Union's (CIAU) new operations manual. The rule would allow Schmeichel to join the Cougars without sitting out a year of eligibility—as is normal when an athlete transfers schools.

Unfortunately, the rule was never actually passed by the CIAU and should have never been printed in the manual.

Despite printing the rule, and not informing anyone of the mistake until late October, the CIAU ruled Schmeichel ineligible to wrestle for the Cougars.

McGee thinks the CIAU is penalizing a student for its own mistake.

"I think it's a classic case. The easiest route out of this—for a mistake they made—is to penalize the student," said McGee.

"What happens if we put out our university calendar, and we indicate in the calendar that you don't have to take English 100 for your degree. And then when you get ready to graduate we say, 'No, you need English 100 to graduate.' Who would be in the wrong then?"

Now Schmeichel has to find a way to pay for his education.

"If they [the CIAU] hadn't printed the wrong rule in their rule book, I'd be living in Saskatoon now and my living expenses would be a lot cheaper," said Schmeichel.

As a varsity athlete, the team would have paid all Schmeichel's training expenses, and he would have been eligible for an athletic scholarship worth up to $1,500. Once he was ruled ineligible to wrestle, he was no longer eligible for the scholarship.

"With his record—he was a world team member and placed seventieth at the world championships, and academically he is outstanding—clearly if he applied for any wrestling awards at this institution, he would be the number one guy," said McGee.

Schmeichel and the Cougars have appealed the decision at every level of the CIAU. CIAU president Bob Phillips rejected their final appeal on Jan. 12.

Scott Samoleski, one of Schmeichel's teammates, thinks the CIAU is more concerned with regulations than it is with students.

"They took the side of bureaucracy instead of thinking about the student athlete," said Samoleski.

"They have a board, and they get together and make rules, but when they make mistakes, they ignore the fact that it's a real-life situation.

"Dean travelled away from home, and went to school to wrestle. He made life decisions, but it's just a few letters and some pieces of paper to them [the CIAU]."

Bob Davis, chair of the CIAU eligibility committee, admits the CIAU made a mistake, but he thinks the U of R's athletic department is also to blame.

"The first person to make a ruling regarding eligibility is the institution's athletic director," said Davis, adding that the U of R was represented at the CIAU's annual general meeting, so the department should have known that the rule printed in the operations manual was never approved.

U of R athletic director Ralph Nilson disagrees.

"That's bullshit. I won't accept that when we get the CIAU rules and regulations, that we have to go through and edit them," said Nilson.

While CIAU president Bob Phillips says the issue is over as far as he is concerned, the Cougars could still pursue legal action.

Schmeichel would like to continue fighting the decision, but he can't afford to pay legal fees.

"I would be willing to take this to court if I could, but it would probably be more of a principle thing than a practical appeal. By the time it was done, the season would be over."

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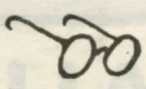

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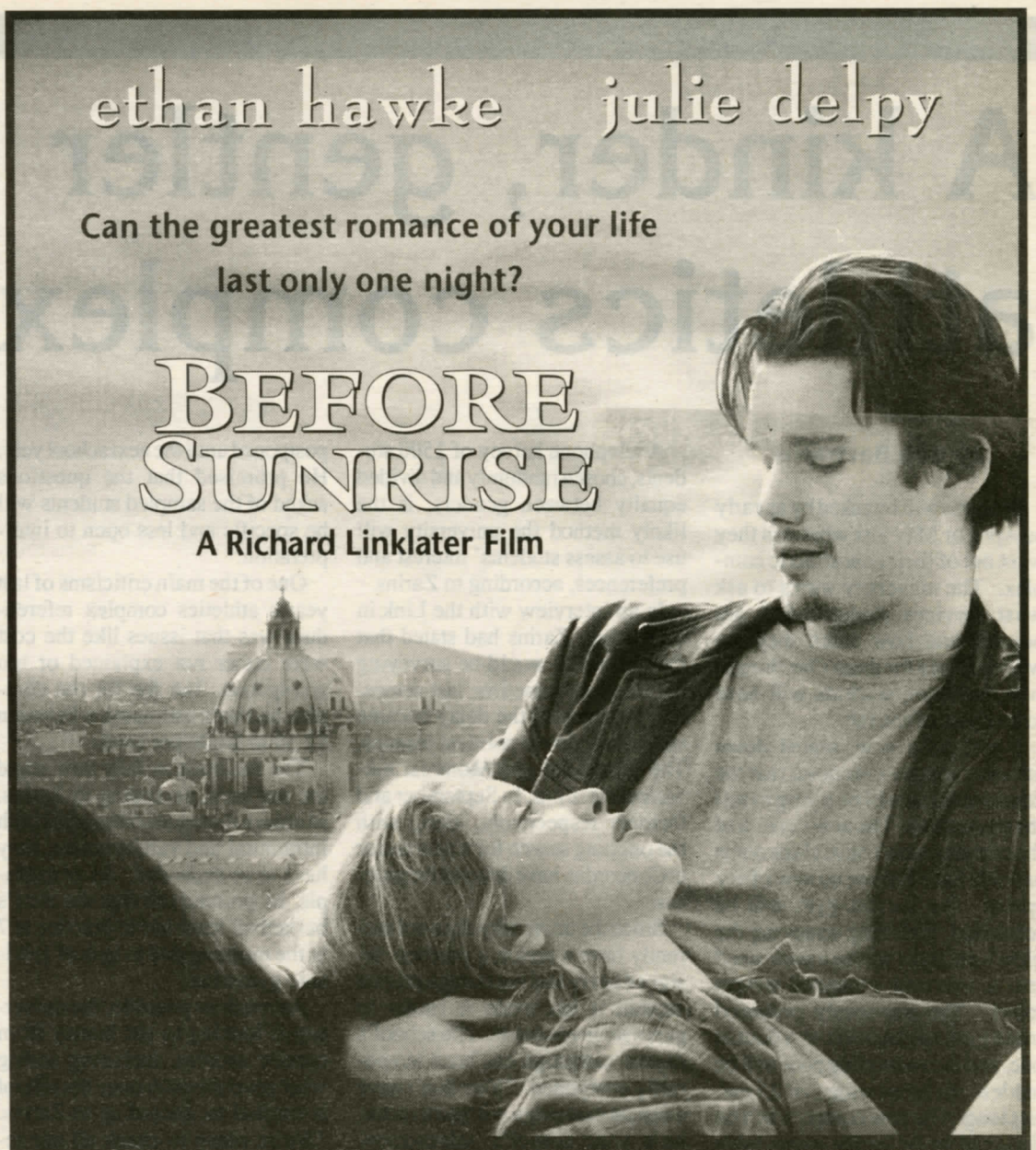
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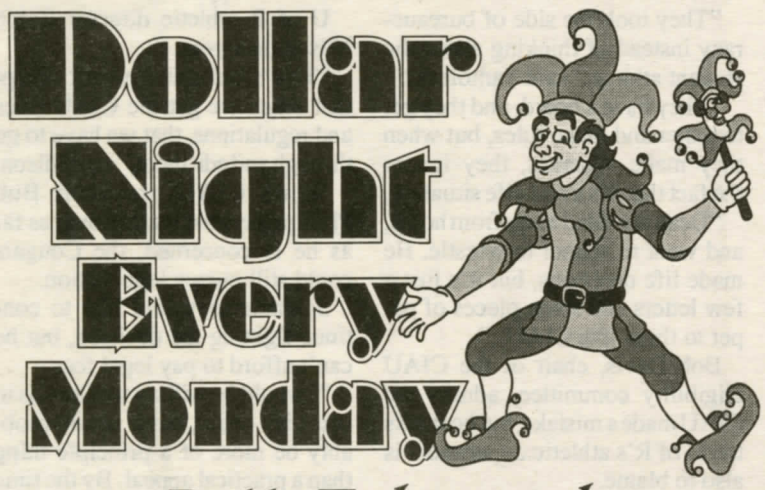

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